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Applicant: Hirotaka ISHII et al.

Title: FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION DEVICE EQUIPPED WITH
A USER RECORDING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 by replacing the indicated claim with the following clean version of the claim. (See Attachment A for the marked up version of the amended claim.)

71. (Amended) A fingerprint identification device to identify fingerprints, comprising:

a fingerprint reader unit to input a fingerprint to be detected;
a database unit to record a fingerprint database provided in advance;
a fingerprint comparing unit that identifies said input fingerprint input by said fingerprint reader unit by comparing with fingerprints stored in said fingerprint database recorded in said database unit; and
a user recording unit that records the fingerprint input by said fingerprint reader unit, wherein said user recording unit records said input fingerprint only when said fingerprint comparing unit does not identify said input fingerprint.